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Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1923.

TO THE

MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

LYDD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Annual Report upon the General Health Statistics, Preventive Work, etc., of the Urban District of Lydd for year ending 31st December, 1923.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of the Borough of Lydd is 12,082 acres, inhabited by a population estimated at 2235.

The number of inhabited houses is 604, occupied by 594 families.

The Rateable Value of the Borough is £9493; the sum represented by a penny rate ($\frac{1}{4}$d. on Land) being £30 15s.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—Legitimate	...	36
Illegitimate	...	4
Total	...	40

Of these 21 were males and 19 females.

The Birth Rate per 1,000 population was 18, comparing with 19·7 for England and Wales, and 19·8 for the Towns of twenty to fifty thousand inhabitants

Deaths.—There were altogether 25 deaths.

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was therefore 11·2 this compares with 11·6 for England and Wales, and 10·6 for the Towns of twenty to fifty thousand inhabitants.

From these figures it will be seen that the Birth Rate and Death Rate have been normal for the past year and is an improvement on the figures of the previous year, in which the Death Rate was slightly over 1 per 1,000 above the average for the County, while the Birth Rate was 2 per 1,000 below.

Eight of the deaths were of persons over 45 years of age, and eleven were over the age of 65.

Two of the deaths were from Tuberculosis and four from Cancer, not an undue proportion in either case.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

One case of Scarlet Fever occurred during the year, and no other infectious disease with the exception of three cases of Erysipelas, which is classed as a contagious disease rather than infectious.

There were four cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

GENERAL.

There is one Midwife practising in the District.

The Fever Hospital was not used during the year. The accommodation in this Institution remains as heretofore, viz. 13 beds.

Your arrangement with the Hastings Corporation for reservation of two beds in their Small Pox Hospital has been continued, but has not been required to be made use of.

WATER.

I append the following analysis of the water supply, which continues of good quality and quantity. Complaint was made, during the year, of Rust in the main pipes and the Water Company undertook to keep them flushed out more frequently.

	Parts per 100,000
Total Solid Residue	13·8
Chlorine	2·6
Free Ammonia	0·0
Albuminoid Ammonia	0·0
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0·1
Oxygen absorbed $\frac{1}{4}$ hour at 80° F.	·020
Oxygen absorbed 4 hours at 80° F.	·038
Nitrites	Absent

This water is of excellent organic quality and shows no evidence of organic pollution.

SCAVENGING.

I still have to report the existence of a number of the unsatisfactory pit type of closet, but I am glad to be able to add that no complaint or nuisance has been reported to me during the year, nor instance of ill health arising from defect in scavenging arrangements.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is presented herewith, and I should like to add that his willing co-operation in the health work of the Borough has been most helpful.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

MARTIN BUTTON,

Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Lydd.

UNDERCLIFFE,
RYE, SUSSEX,
22nd, April, 1924.